

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives
of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court
Assembled. —

The petition of the subscribers Inhabitants of the Town
of Salem humbly sheweth that they have ever been much alarmed
for the safety of this Town in case of fire at every dry season
when the springs of water are low inasmuch as at such times a great
proportion of the Wells have little or no water in them, to remedy
so calamitous an evil as well as to supply the common & ordinary
wants of the Inhabitants of this Town with water We humbly
beg your honors that We and our associates may be incorporated
for the purpose of bringing Water in subterraneous Aqueducts
from Spring Pond in Salem and Braum's Pond in Danvers
or either of them into the town of Salem for the purposes
aforesaid on such terms & conditions as in your wisdom you
see meet will best answer so desirable an object. —

Salem Novr 22, 1796

Benj ^a Goodhue	Jeduthun Upton
Elis Hasket Derby	Dudley Porter
George Dodge	Jacob Astor
Abel Lawrence	Squire Thore
Benj ^a Pihman	John Fenton
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Ungcrapp	Ben ^a Dean
Jos. Hiller	Joseph Fermo
Isabod. Nichols	Benj ^a Carpenter
Thomas Ward	Eliz ^a Cline
William Mc	Benj ^a Watkins
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